



# ASCRS

American Society of  
Colon & Rectal Surgeons

# 2024-25

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# A Message From Our President:

## Dr. Sonia Ramamoorthy

Dear ASCRS Members,

As your current President, I am honored to share the remarkable achievements of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) over this past year, as outlined in our 2024-2025 Annual Report. This year, not only did we celebrate our 125th anniversary, marking a legacy of excellence and commitment to the future of colorectal surgery, but we also launched an ambitious initiative to profoundly enhance our educational offerings through the ASCRS U platform.

This anniversary was a milestone, reflecting on a legacy of innovation and dedication that has defined our society since its inception. I am pleased to report that our membership reached a new record of 4,820, a testament to our growing influence and the trust placed in us by the colorectal surgery community. This growth reflects our ongoing efforts to enhance inclusivity and offer value at every stage of our members' careers, from students to seasoned professionals.

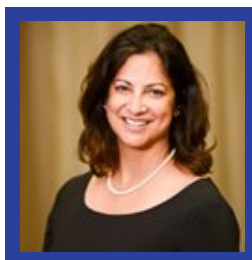
In commemorating our 125th anniversary, we launched a transformational fundraising campaign for ASCRS U, aiming to evolve our online education platform into a comprehensive virtual university. This initiative is designed to provide personalized educational paths that align with the specific career stages, interests, and essential skills of our members. Envisioning ASCRS U as a university, we are introducing colleges focused on different areas of expertise such as surgical sciences, leadership, business, and innovation, thereby broadening the scope of our educational resources.

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and commitment, solidifying our position  
as global leaders in colorectal surgery.***

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, it's clear that none of this would have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our members serving on committees and task forces. Our organization thrives on engagement and commitment, solidifying our position as global leaders in colorectal surgery.

I am profoundly grateful to the ASCRS Executive Council and staff for their tireless work on behalf of our membership. As we look to the future, I am thrilled to welcome Dr. Najjia N. Mahmoud as our incoming President. Under her leadership, I am confident that we will continue to advance our mission, expand our influence, and uphold the values that distinguish ASCRS as a beacon in the colorectal community.

Thanks to each of you for your dedication and support. Your commitment not only drives our society's success but also ensures a promising future for the field of colorectal surgery.



Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD  
ASCRS President 2024-25



# Introduction

## *Our Vision*

To be the premier and most inclusive colorectal society improving patient care through education, professional development, and innovation.



## *Our Mission*

The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) is dedicated to advancing patient care for diverse populations through the understanding, prevention, and treatment of disorders of the colon, rectum, and anus.

## *Our Commitment*

As we look back on a remarkable 125 years, we acknowledge that ASCRS has never been simply a reflection of the past—it has been a catalyst for change. With this foundation, the 2024-2025 year has been about leading a movement: accelerating innovation, strengthening education, and expanding the impact of research and outreach to meet the needs of today's patients and tomorrow's challenges.

This report showcases how ASCRS has adapted and thrived by focusing on emerging technologies, fostering collaboration across disciplines, and addressing the increasing importance of early screening and patient-centered care. We are not just advancing—our work today is setting the pace for the future.



# 2024-25 Executive Council

## Officers



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Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD



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# ASCRS Staff

## Leadership



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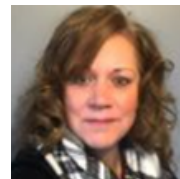
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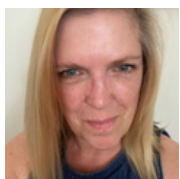


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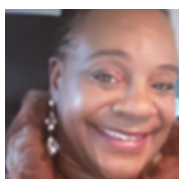


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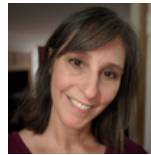


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# Membership & Engagement



## 4,820

Record number of total ASCRS members at the end of 2024.

In 2024, ASCRS saw 159 Candidates advance to Members and 109 Members elevate to Fellows. ASCRS reports a renewal rate of 95%, reflecting the ongoing engagement and dedication of our members.



# Key Accomplishments



## **Membership Growth Milestone**

ASCRS surpassed 4,000 dues-paying members for the first time, marking a significant achievement in member engagement and retention.

## **Advancing Gender Equity**

Established the Women in Colorectal Surgery Task Force to support and empower female colorectal surgeons within ASCRS.

## **Global Member Engagement**

Featured international member stories in the ASCRS Weekly Digest and on the website, highlighting collaborations between ASCRS members and international colorectal colleagues.

## **International Collaboration with ACRSI**

ASCRS is proud to welcome the Association of Colon and Rectal Surgeons of India (ACRSI) as part of an international pilot membership program. Through this initiative, 1,000 ACRSI members now have access to select ASCRS member benefits. This partnership strengthens global collaboration and reinforces ASCRS's commitment to advancing colorectal surgery.

## **Expansion of Membership Categories**

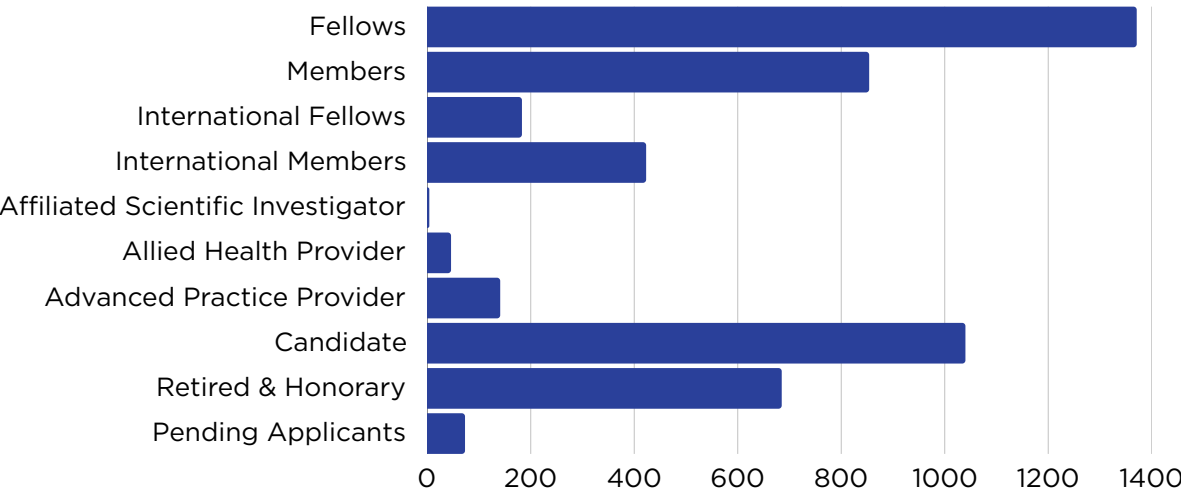
Introduced a new membership category for Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) to enhance inclusivity and professional representation.

## **APP and AHP Membership Growth**

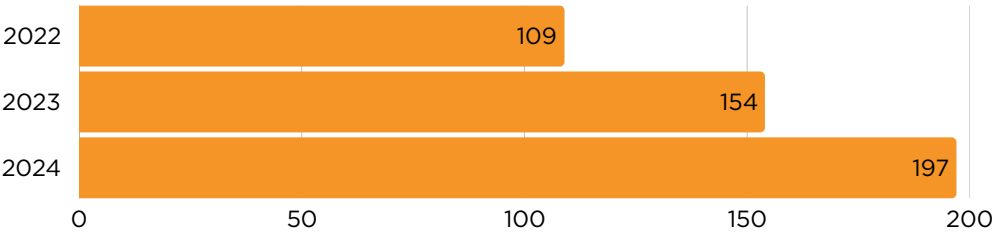
The Society continues to see exceptional growth in its Advanced Practice Provider (APP) and Allied Health Professional (AHP) member categories. While these are two distinct groups within our membership, their combined growth underscores the increasing value ASCRS provides to the broader care team in colorectal surgery. Since 2022, total APP and AHP membership has increased by over 80%, with a 28% rise in just the past year. This upward trend reflects our expanding impact and our continued commitment to supporting the collaborative nature of colorectal care.

# Membership Levels

Our Fellows category made up the majority of our membership in 2024 with Fellows, Candidates, and Members rounding out the Top 3 category levels.

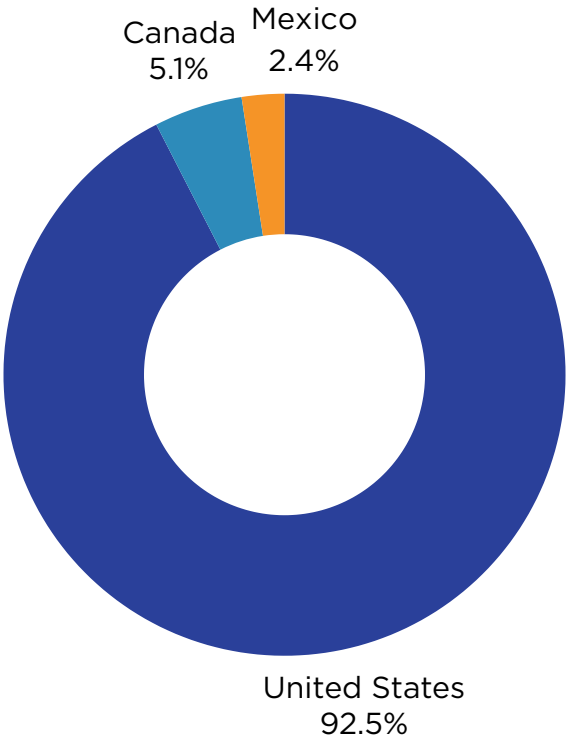


## APP and AHP Membership Growth

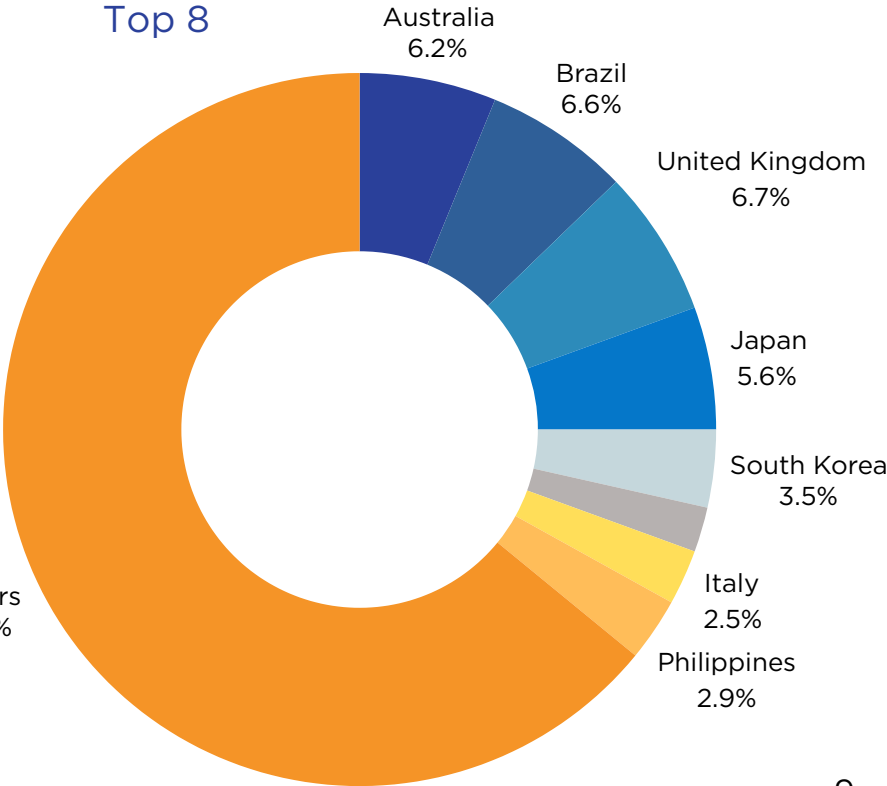


## Members by Country

North America (3,966 members)

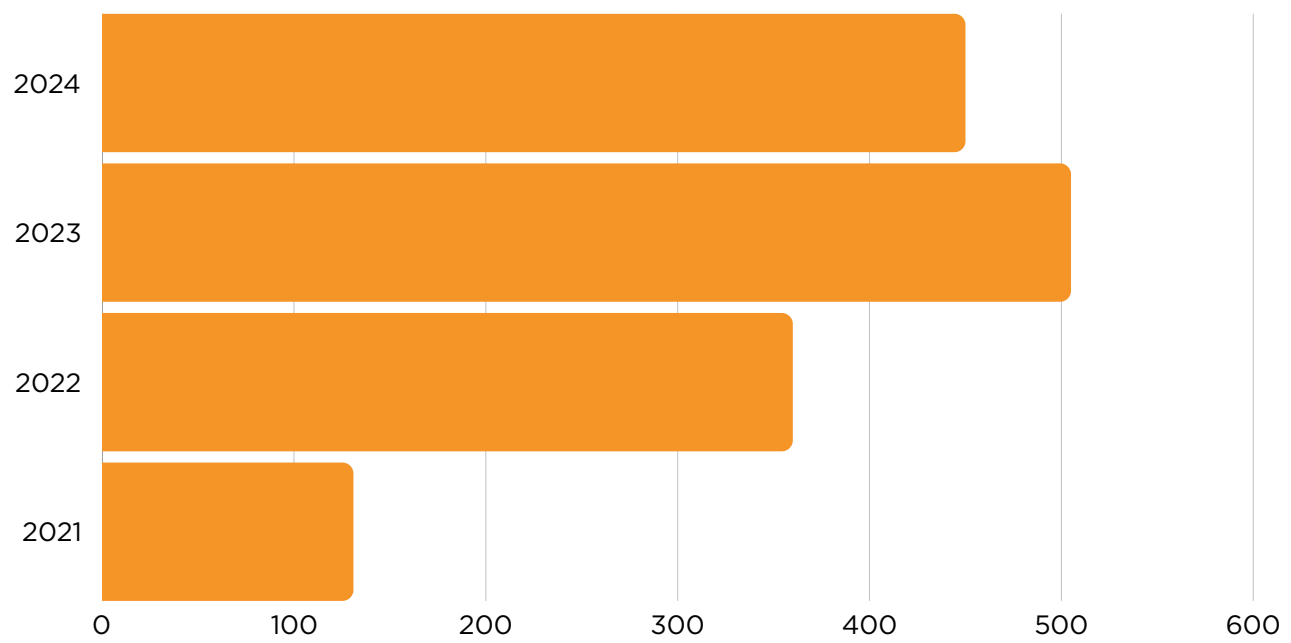


Other Countries (854 members)  
Top 8



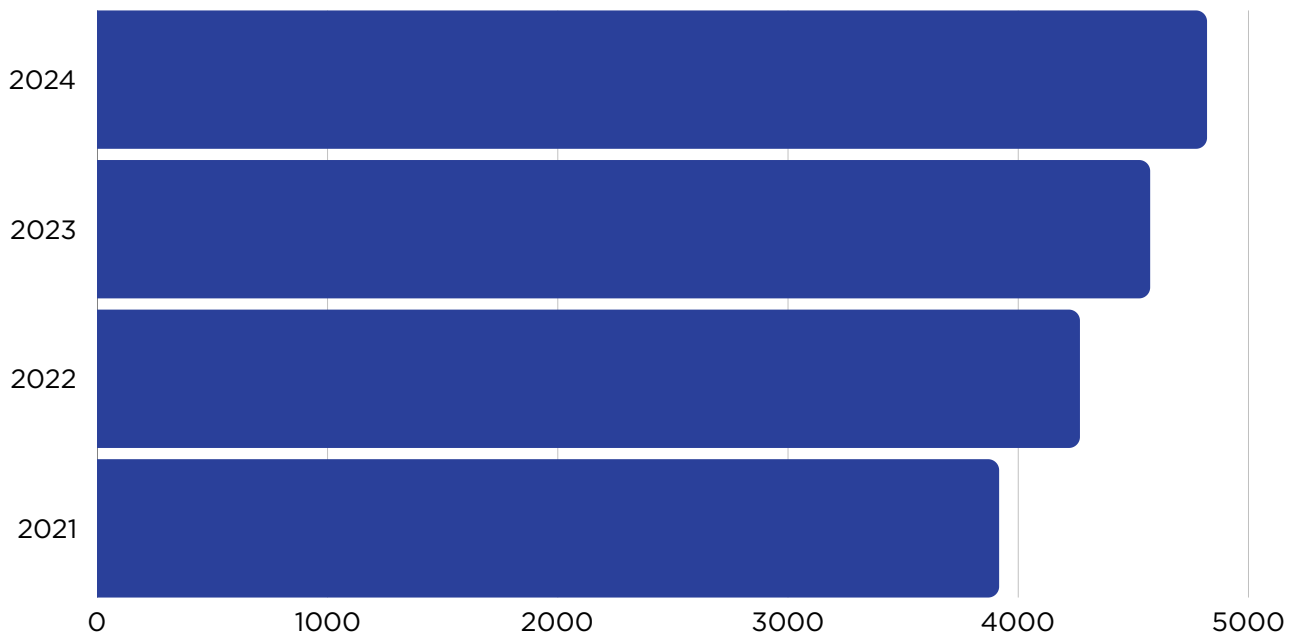
# New Members

2024 saw 450 new members.



# Total Members

2024 saw the highest total number of members on record, with a total of 4,820.





# Social Media & Podcast Reach



ASCRS has a presence on LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, X, & Bluesky.

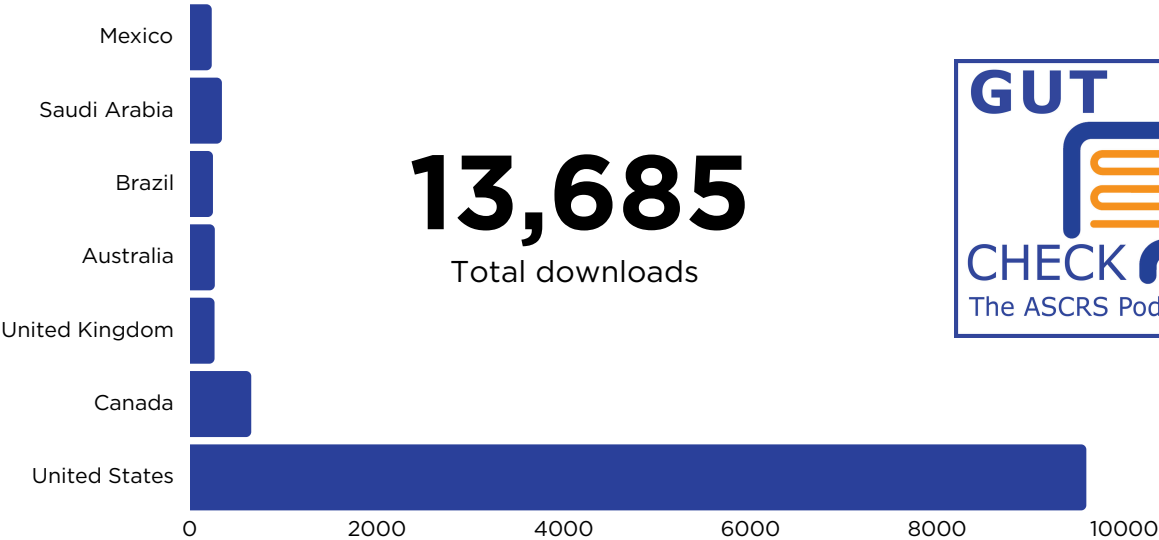
**35,268**

Followers across 5  
social media channels

**2,171**

Followers gained in  
2024

## Top Podcast Downloads by Country



# Key Accomplishments



**Leadership Visibility** – Launched Executive Council spotlights in the ASCRS Weekly Digest, providing members with deeper insights into leadership initiatives.

**Data-Driven Member Engagement** – Implemented the “Presidential Pulse” to gather member feedback and inform leadership decision-making on key organizational initiatives.

**Member Insights and Support** – Conducted the 2025 Compensation Survey as a follow-up to the 2019 edition, providing updated benchmarking data for colorectal surgeons across all practice types and career stages.

**Membership Mobile App** – Coming soon, the ASCRS Membership Mobile App will provide streamlined access to key resources, event updates, and member tools—all in one convenient, easy-to-use platform designed to keep members connected anytime, anywhere.

**Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Toolkit** – Launched a comprehensive digital toolkit to support members in promoting screening, prevention, and education during Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

**ASCRS Outfitters** – Introduced ASCRS Outfitters, an online store featuring branded apparel and merchandise for both the Society and the Research Foundation, helping members show their support and pride.

**Modernized Payment Options** – Introduced digital wallet payment acceptance for 125th Anniversary Campaign donations, offering members a more convenient and secure way to donate.

# Advocacy

ASCRS remains steadfast in championing colorectal healthcare professionals and their patients through impactful advocacy efforts. Throughout 2024 and into 2025, the Society actively supported national policies and funding initiatives that align with our mission of advancing the science and practice of colorectal surgery. Below is a summary of the advocacy letters ASCRS signed onto or supported during this period:

## 2024 Initiatives:

**July 2024:** Endorsed Neglected Surgical Conditions Senate Sign-On Letters supporting better recognition and resources, reinforcing the need for broader federal attention to underserved surgical patient populations.

**August 2024:** A continued commitment to surgical health equity, this follow-up Neglected Surgical Conditions Senate Sign-On Letter further emphasized legislative backing for neglected surgical conditions.

**October 2024:** Contributed to a Surgical Coalition Statement ahead of the September 2024 release, advocating for coordinated surgical care policy improvements and amplifying the voice of surgical societies in national healthcare discourse.

## 2025 Initiatives:

**March 2025:** Submitted a National Proclamation Request to the White House, seeking formal recognition of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and expanding public visibility of preventive screening.

**April 2025:** Signed onto the HR 879 Coalition Letter, backing the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act to protect patient access and support sustainable practice environments for colorectal surgeons.

**April 2025:** Supported efforts to secure continued federal funding for colorectal cancer research through the CDMRP Colorectal Cancer Research Program Community.

ASCRS is committed to keeping members informed and engaged with advocacy efforts that reflect the needs and priorities of the colorectal surgery community. These actions reflect just one aspect of the Society's broader dedication to shaping policies that protect our specialty and the patients we serve.



# 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting



The 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting was a landmark event, bringing together the latest advancements in technology, research, surgical techniques, and patient care in colorectal surgery. Held in Baltimore, MD, the meeting welcomed strong attendance, highlighting continued engagement and the ongoing impact of our Society.

This meeting held special significance as ASCRS celebrated its 125th Anniversary, honoring the history, legacy, and achievements that have shaped our field while looking ahead to the future of colorectal surgery.

## ***Economic Impact at a Glance:***

### **\$3.08 Million**

#### **Abstracts**

**905**

Submitted

**860**

Accepted

**23**

Abstract Sessions

#### **Presenters**

**124**

Oral Abstract  
Presentations

**621**

ePoster  
Presenters

**287**

Speakers/  
Moderators

We extend our sincere appreciation to President Dr. Matthew Mutch, Program Chair Dr. Alexander Tharrington Hawkins, and Vice Program Chairs Drs. Atif Iqbal, Mehraneh Dorna Jafari, and Erin M. King-Mullins for their leadership in delivering a highly successful and memorable meeting.

# 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting



**Annual Scientific Meeting**  
May 10-13, 2025 | San Diego, CA

**Innovate and Elevate** *Shaping the Future of Colorectal Surgery*

The 2025 ASCRS Annual Scientific Meeting will be held May 10-13 in San Diego, CA, bringing together leading experts, groundbreaking research, and unparalleled educational opportunities in colorectal surgery. This year's meeting will feature late-breaking abstracts, including a dedicated symposium for clinical trials and trials in progress, ensuring attendees gain firsthand insights into the latest advancements in the field.

The Program Committee has been working diligently to enhance this year's experience, introducing cutting-edge AI-focused sessions alongside the return of highly sought-after programs and signature events. Attendees can expect a dynamic and comprehensive scientific program designed to foster collaboration, innovation, and excellence in patient care.

## By the numbers

**2,092**

Registration both in-person & virtually (*& counting*)

**109**

Video abstracts

**\$1,112,385**

Corporate support (*& counting*)

**307**

Speakers/moderators (not including ePoster moderators)

**840**

ePoster presentations

**110**

Quick shot oral presentations

We extend our deepest appreciation to Program Chair Dr. Samuel Eisenstein and Vice Program Chairs Drs. Angela Kuhnén, Sarah Stringfield, and Avery Walker for their leadership in shaping an exceptional and forward-thinking meeting.

# Continuing Education & Resources



Hosted an in-person workshop on February 2-3, 2024, with nearly 100 registrants.

## Survey Results from 57 Respondents:

100%

Would recommend  
this program to a  
colleague

100%

Gained a better  
understanding of different  
communication styles

100%

Reported increased  
overall knowledge

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**Pelvic Floor Disorders Consortium** – Continues collaboration with global partners. In 2025, it will work with IUGA and ICS on workshops and refine research priorities for strategic planning.

**Mentorship Programs** – ASCRS offers multiple mentoring initiatives, including the 1:1 Program, Resident Program, Speed Mentoring at the Annual Meeting, and the DEI Pathway Program, supporting early-career and aspiring colorectal surgeons.

**CARSEP® XII** – The latest edition of the Colon and Rectal Surgery Educational Program (CARSEP® XII) features updated, evidence-based content to help surgeons stay current with advancements in colorectal surgery. It serves as a key resource for board certification preparation and continued professional development.

**Fundamentals of Rectal Cancer Surgery** – A new version of Fundamentals of Rectal Cancer Surgery (FRCS) is coming in 2025, incorporating the latest techniques and guidelines in rectal cancer treatment. This updated resource enhances education for surgeons committed to improving patient outcomes.





## ASCRS U

**37K**

New users

**11K**

Returning users

**Webinar Series** – In its seventh year, ASCRS hosted six CME webinars, free for members (\$50 for nonmembers), with all sessions available on demand.

**Enhanced Educational Opportunities for APPs** – Launched two new APP-focused webinars, expanding professional development resources tailored to the evolving needs of advanced practice providers.

## Webinars: Pageviews

**4,969**

Web views

**1,873**

Mobile views

**Video Mentorship Series (VMS)** – Now in its fifth year, ASCRS produced six Video Mentorship Series recordings, free for members (\$50 for nonmembers), and accessible in ASCRS U.

## Video Mentorship Series: Pageviews

**2,500**

Web views

**2,300**

Mobile views



## Enhancements to DC&R Journal with New Journal Sections

We are enhancing the Diseases of the Colon & Rectum (DC&R) journal with two new sections to provide valuable insights for ASCRS members. The **Global Health Section** will expand international perspectives and engagement, while **Coding Corner** will address member inquiries related to coding. These additions reflect our commitment to delivering relevant content for the colorectal surgery community.

## Strengthening International Engagement

A bi-monthly Korean journal discussion forum has been added to existing foreign language forums (Latin American, European/Iberic, Japanese). Digital content from the DC&R YouTube channel is viewed across 83 countries.

62%

Of visits to the DCR website originate outside of the U.S.

57%

Of sites accessing DC&R content on Ovid are from outside the U.S.

32%

Of DC&R editorial board members outside of the U.S.

## Enhancing Educational Access and Publishing Excellence

### Journal Club + CME

Beginning March 2025, Journal Club has begun offering CME credits.

### Going Digital

To improve accessibility and meet reader needs, DC&R is transitioning to an all-digital format.

# Revenue Development



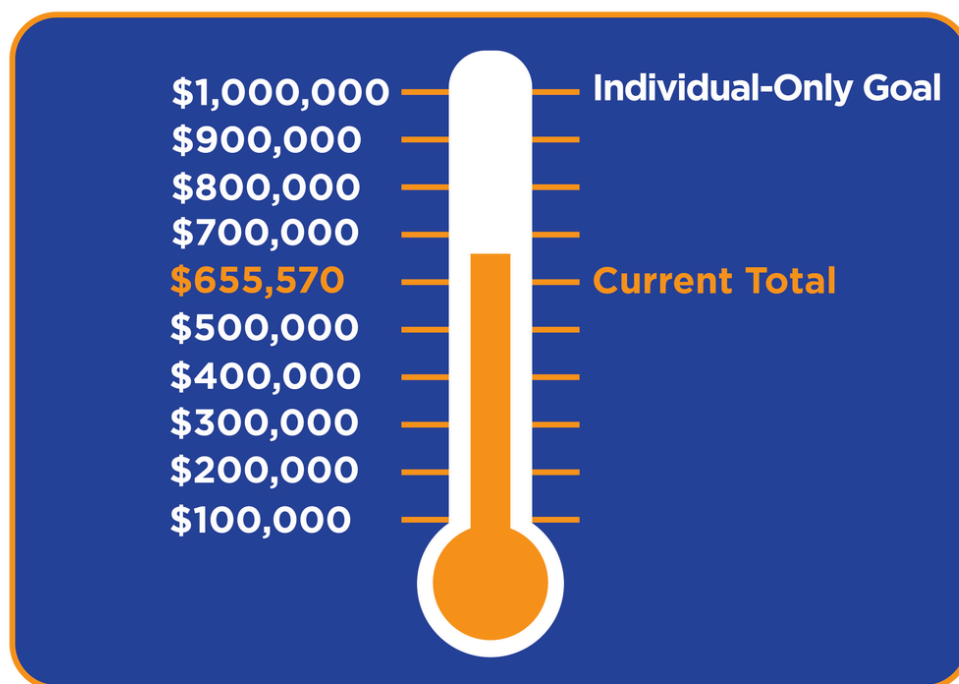
As the premier professional society dedicated to advancing colorectal surgery, ASCRS recognizes the vital role of industry collaboration in driving innovation and excellence in patient care. By fostering strategic partnerships, we enhance our ability to develop and implement best practices for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of diseases and disorders affecting the colon, rectum, and anus. These relationships ensure that ASCRS remains at the forefront of surgical advancements, continuously improving outcomes for patients worldwide.





## ***Honoring Our Legacy, Advancing Our Future***

Because of the incredible support from our members, the 125th Anniversary Campaign is making a lasting impact on the future of colorectal surgery. With 100% of ASCRS leadership committed, 90+ members contributing, and generous gifts from grateful patients, this initiative is already driving progress. To date, more than \$655,000 in pledged donations has been secured—including over \$100,000 from grateful patients—ensuring continued investment in education, research, and innovation. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has played a role in this historic milestone.



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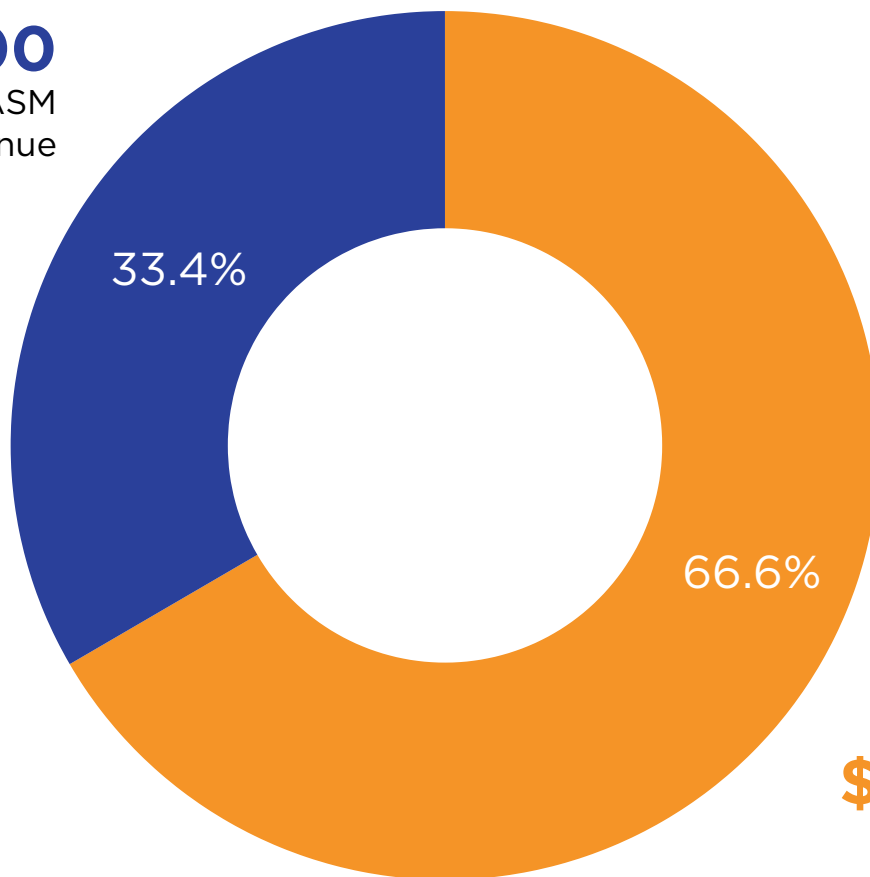
Your support ensures that ASCRS continues to lead the way in advancing patient care and surgical excellence. Thank you for being part of this historic initiative.

# Corporate Revenue

Total industry revenue secured in 2024 was \$1,784,250, with over 1.1 million of that coming from the 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting.

**\$1,784,250** Total Industry Revenue Secured

**\$595,900**  
Total non-ASM  
Revenue



**\$1,188,350**  
Annual Scientific  
Meeting Revenue

# Research Foundation

The Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons is committed to advancing the field of colorectal surgery by raising and awarding funds that drive cutting-edge research and innovative educational programs. By investing in scientific discovery and professional development, the Foundation plays a critical role in improving patient care, shaping surgical best practices, and fostering the next generation of leaders in the treatment of colon and rectal diseases.

**\$74,420**

Philanthropic support raised in  
2024

**18**

Grants awarded in  
2024

**Research  
Foundation**  
American Society of  
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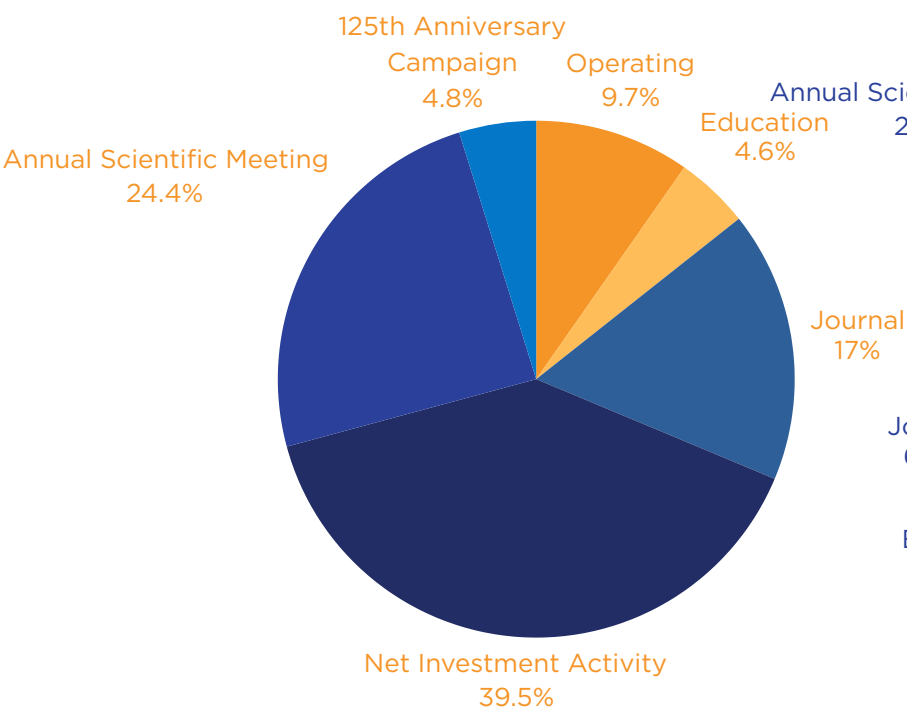


# Finances

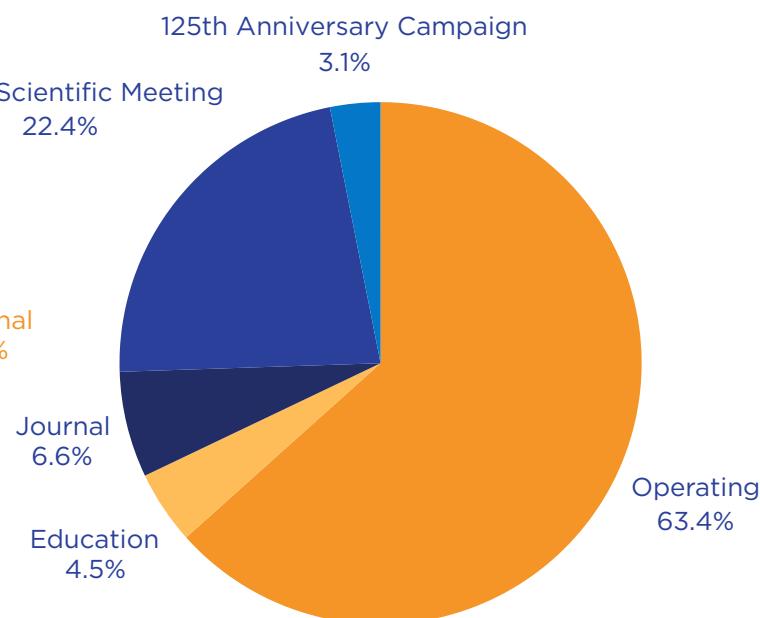
ASCRS is a financially strong organization, backed by a substantial reserve fund. This fund enables ASCRS to offer additional benefits to members, including:

- » Proactively addressing potential revenue gaps to **safeguard the continuity of ASCRS** programs and services
- » Continuing to provide **complimentary access to the ASCRS U** education portal —setting ASCRS apart from peer societies that charge for similar resources
- » Sustaining **registration rates** for the Annual Scientific Meeting that remain **below the national median**
- » Keeping annual **membership dues competitively priced**, below the median of comparable medical societies
- » **Contributing to the broader colorectal community** One Colorectal Community and other aligned organizations, including a \$2 million donation to the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ABCRS)

## Revenue



## Expenses



# 2023-25 Strategic Plan

## Key Goals:

### 1. Membership



Every healthcare professional with an interest in the field of colorectal surgery views ASCRS membership to be indispensable.

- Membership Growth
- APP and AH Engagement
- Inclusion

### 2. Education & Engagement



Accessible and relevant colorectal educational content reflecting the needs and diversity of professionals, trainees, patients, and the public is developed and disseminated.

- Content
- Leadership & Mentorship
- Access and Value
- Annual Scientific Meeting

### 3. Organizational Relationships



ASCRS' high-priority organizational partners regard the Society as a key ally and collaborator in the achievement of mutually agreed-upon objectives.

- International
- Industry
- One Colorectal Community
- Other Societies/Organizations

### 4. Operational Excellence & Sustainability



ASCRS operations are optimized to ensure sustainability and effective communications.

- Finances
- Organization
- Communications

Strategic planning efforts for the 2026-2028 period are currently underway. This process involves thorough assessment and collaboration to ensure alignment with the evolving needs of our members and the broader field of colorectal surgery.

# What's Coming Next

## Paving the Path Ahead: Supporting Members at *Every Stage*

Our updated plan is designed to support members at every step of their careers, providing targeted resources and opportunities for growth and excellence.





# Save the Date!

Our 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting will take place  
from May 9-12 in Tampa, Florida.



Visit [fascrs.org](https://fascrs.org) for more information.

# Acknowledgements



***Thank you to all who dedicated their time and effort to advancing these initiatives. Your unwavering commitment and hard work have been instrumental in the Society.***

2024-2025 ASCRS President Dr. Sonia Ramamoorthy

2023-2024 ASCRS President Dr. Matthew G. Mutch

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